AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) ~~A promoter arbitrary genes in plant seeds, wherein there exists the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.~~ An isolated polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO:1, or an isolated polynucleotide comprising at least 88% identity with the polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, the polynucleotide comprising a seed-specific promoter suitable for expressing arbitrary genes in plant seeds.

2. (Currently amended) The promoter according to claim 1, wherein it mediates ~~the~~ gene expression in the cotyledons and in the endosperm of seeds as a function of development.

3. (Currently amended) An expression ~~Expression~~ cassette for expression of arbitrary genes in the plant seed, comprising ~~containing~~:
   - a) a promoter according to SEQ ID NO: 1,
   - b) a gene capable of being ~~to be~~ expressed, and
   - c) 3' termination sequences.

4. (Currently amended) The expression ~~Expression~~ cassette according to claim 3, ~~wherein it additionally contains~~ further comprising the DNA sequence of a signal sequence peptide ~~preferably the SBP signal peptide~~.

5. (Currently amended) The expression ~~Expression~~ cassette according to claim 3, further, comprising a second ~~wherein a further~~ DNA sequence ~~is~~ downstream to a ~~the~~ DNA region provided with a transcriptionally regulatory sequence for a ~~strong~~ seed-specific gene expression, the DNA ~~latter~~ region containing ~~the~~ information for the formation and quantitative distribution of endogenous products or ~~the~~ expression of heterologous products in culture crops.

6. (Currently amended) The expression ~~Expression~~ cassette according to claim 3, wherein arbitrary foreign genes are integrated either as transcription or as translation fusions.

7. (Currently amended) The expression ~~Expression~~ cassette according to claim ~~3~~ 4, wherein the signal peptide is encoded by a SBP (Sucrose Binding Protein) ~~of the SBP seed protein~~ gene ~~is used as a signal peptide~~.

8. (Currently amended) The expression cassette ~~Expression~~ according to claim 3, wherein a ~~the~~ gene encoding SBP is the gene ~~of the binding protein is used as the gene~~ to be expressed.

9. (Currently amended) The expression ~~Expression~~ cassette according to claim 3, wherein it is also used for co- and multi transformations.

10. (Currently amended) Plasmids containing an expression cassette according to claim 3.

11. (Currently amended) Plasmid pSBPROCS according to claim 10, comprising a DNA sequence about 5.3 kB in size, in which a SalI promoter fragment of the regulatory starter area about 1.9 kb in size including the signal peptide and 5 codons ~~triplets~~ of a ~~the~~ SBP (Sucrose Binding Protein) ~~SBP~~ homologous gene of Vicia faba, restriction sites for cloning of foreign genes and a ~~the~~ transcription terminator of the octopine synthase gene ~~are contained~~.

12. (Currently amended) Plasmid pPTVSBPRGUS according to claim 10, comprising a DNA sequence about 14.9 kb in size, comprising ~~in which~~ a phosphinothricin resistance gene about 1 kb in size, a SalI/NcoI promoter fragment of the regulatory starter area of the SBP-like gene of Vicia faba about 1.8 kb in size, the coding region of the ß-glucuronidase about 2 kb in size and the transcription terminator of the octopine synthase gene ~~are contained~~.

13. (Currently amended) Method for preparing a plant cell comprising ~~the insertion of~~ an expression cassette according to claim 3 ~~with~~ comprising a DNA sequence for ~~strong~~ seed-specific gene expression into a plant cell, the method comprising the following steps:

a) ~~isolation of clone VfSBP20, wherein the gene coding for the SBP seed protein occurring in the plant seed is selected from a cDNA Bank of cotyledons of Vicia faba,~~

~~b)~~ ~~isolation of~~ providing clone pSBPR15, ~~wherein the~~ comprising a DNA sequence according to SEQ ID NO: 1 ~~contained therein comprises the regulatory starter re-~~

~~gion of the SBP seed protein gene of Vicia faba and a sequence from a related hybridising with the DNA sequence of the SBPR15,~~ or a sequence comprising at least 88% identity with the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 and possessing promoter activity.

~~c)~~ b) production of the plasmid pSBPOCS making use of the SalI fragment of plasmid pSBPR15 1.9 kb in size,

~~d)~~ c) ~~integration of genes into the pSBPOCS expression cassette,~~ inserting a polynucleotide encoding a protein into the expression cassette of pSBPOCS,

~~e)~~ d) cloning of the expression cassette containing a DNA sequence for over-expression of foreign genes in plant seeds, into binary vectors, and

~~f)~~ e) transfer of the expression cassette containing the foreign ~~an~~ gene under the control of the promoter according to ~~claim 1~~ SEQ ID NO: 1 into a plant cell.

14. - 18. (Canceled).

19. (Previously presented) Plant cell containing a plasmid according to claim 10.

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein a plant cell is produced ~~Plant cell produced according to the method of claim 13~~.

21. (Previously presented) Plant or plant tissues regenerated from a plant cell according to claim 20.

22. (Previously presented) Plant according to claim 21, wherein it is a culture crop.

23. (Currently amended) The expression cassette according to claim 4, further comprising a DNA sequence of ~~encoding~~ a SBP signal peptide.